



Errata Sheet **Compost Facility Resource Handbook**

from Ecology's Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program

Thank you for your interest in composting in the state of Washington. This handbook was published in 1998. Since that time, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has adopted a new solid waste regulation, Chapter 173-350 WAC, Solid Waste Handling Standards, which contains a section specifically devoted to composting facilities.

Much of the information in Chapters 2 and 3, and parts of Chapters 4 and 5 of this handbook relates to the old solid waste regulation, Chapter 173-304 WAC, Minimum Functional Standards for Solid Waste Handling. Therefore, some of the information in these chapters is no longer valid. Composting facilities must now be operated according to the new regulation, which can be accessed via the Ecology web site at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/facilities/350.html>.

Even though some parts are obsolete, Ecology continues to offer this handbook because it still contains useful guidance about facility planning, composting operations, and odor management.

The following sections of the handbook dealing with the old solid waste rule are no longer valid:

- Chapter 2 - References to the state solid waste regulation, WAC 173-304 (pages 9-17).
- Chapter 3 - This entire chapter clarifies requirements in the old rule (pages 31-38).
- Chapter 4 - Guidance on operations plans. These are superseded by the new rule requirements (pages 49 - 53).
- Chapter 5 - "Design Features to Meet Regulations" (pages 61 - 64). The new rule has specific design standards for compost pads and leachate collection systems. This section of Chapter 5 gives a historical perspective documenting where the new design standards originated.

Please direct any questions regarding this handbook or the new composting facility standards (in WAC 173-350-220) to Holly Wescott, 360-407-6113, hwes461@ecy.wa.gov.

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